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Bond Sale Relation To Funds Being Settled

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NEW YORK—The question of whether the American Financial and Development Corp. will work independently of the U. S. Jewish community's 300 local welfare funds in handling the sale of Israel bonds seems to have been settled, The POST learned this week.

A national network of independently-operated offices headed by paid workers is now being set up to handle the bond sale, scheduled to begin around May 1.

A spokesman for the AFDC emphasized that the organization has made plans for the sale with the "closest cooperation" of the leadership of the local welfare funds.

At the non-professional level, the AFDC plans to call on Jewish leaders and rank-and-file workers who have always taken part at the local level in overall fund-raising for Jewish causes.

A major advertising campaign has already been launched for the bond sale in such national publications as Time, Life and the Saturday Evening Post. The AFDC spokesman, asked about the campaign, said the Israel Government is responsible for advertising the bond sale.

A schedule for the Anglo-Jewish press also is being planned, it was learned.

Israel Starts Probe Of Charge Of Fund Mishandling By Zionists

PARIS—An Israeli inter-party Parliamentary commission was in the process of formation this week to investigate charges of misappropriation of Zionist funds in France during 1942 to 1948.

Disclosure of the charges and the plans for the probe was made by the Paris correspondent of the Jewish Chronicle of London.

The funds allegedly involved were supplied from abroad and inside France to a Jewish Resistance group. The several hundred Jewish partisans had been carrying out attacks on the German occupation forces in France. They had also helped Jews escape to Spain, Switzerland and Italy.

BIG SUMS COLLECTED

Needing funds for their operations, the group appealed to Zionist leaders, who succeeded in smuggling money from Switzerland. Inside France, French Jews borrowed substantial sums from other Jews on a promise of post-war repayment.

The correspondent said that an estimated \$12,000,000 was received and distributed to the Jewish Resistance organization.

Under the circumstances, no books were kept but reports began to circulate that some members of the Resistance group had emerged from the Hitlerian terror with well-lined pockets. The correspondent emphasized that the rumors did not question the fighting qualities or courage of the Jewish partisans.

ONE DEFINITE CASE

Despite the rumors, only one case was known on which there were sufficient facts to warrant

an investigation. That one concerned the sum of about \$150,000 which was smuggled from Switzerland to France immediately after the Allies liberated France.

The money, collected to help the Resistance group, was seized by French authorities, then released, converted into gold and finally lost.

The correspondent said that the French Jewish partisan accused of "losing" the \$150,000 is now in Tel Aviv, awaiting trial.

ZIONISTS PERSISTENT

The decision of the Israel Government to investigate the charges came after persistent and heavy prodding by Zionists both in France and in Israel.

The Israel Government was reluctant to air the alleged scandal, a situation that led to a sense of immunity "in certain quarters," the correspondent said.

He added that the decision of the Israel Government to dig into the long-standing rumors and penalize any guilty persons had brought a widespread feeling of satisfaction among French and Israel Zionist leaders, who have been fighting vigorously for a complete house-cleaning in the situation.

Jewish Civic Defense Groups Flay Schultz For Nimitz 'Slur'

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The attack by Rabbi Benjamin Schultz on Admiral Chester Nimitz as allegedly having a record of "tolerance of pro-Communists" was under sharp fire this week from all Jewish civic defense agencies.

At the same time, Brig. Gen. Julius Klein of Chicago resigned in protest from the board of the American Jewish League Against Communism, of which Rabbi Schultz is executive director.

Rabbi Schultz made his charges, also aimed at Gen. George C. Marshall, Secretary of Defense, at a Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense two weeks ago in Washington, D. C.

KAMP SPOKE TOO

Another speaker at the conference was Joseph Kamp, notorious anti-Semite, who asserted that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith was a greater threat to the security of the United States than was Communism.

Rabbi Schultz said that Gen. Marshall was a "fall guy" in a plot to shield pro-Red activities.

All Jewish civic defense groups joined in denouncing the charges as "infamous slurs" and said that Rabbi Schultz "in no way represents any section of the American Jewish community."

FIRST TIME

It was the first time in the hectic three years of existence of the Jewish anti-Red League that it had been denounced by the Jewish civic defense bodies.

Agencies signing the denunciation included the American Jewish Committee, the American Jewish Congress, the ADL, the Jewish Labor Committee, the Jewish War Veterans, the ((Reform)) Union of American Hebrew Congregations and 28 local Jewish community councils.

The blast was released through the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which coordinates the work nationally of U.S. Jewish civic defense.

KLEIN HITS SMEAR

Gen. Klein, former national commander of the JWV, said he had served under both Gen. Marshall and Adm. Nimitz and he termed the charges "smears."

"What possible gain can accrue to the fight against Communism by striking at the loyalty and integrity of men whose leadership has played so important a role in the fight against totalitarianism as a whole both in war and peace?" Gen. Klein demanded.

"Communism must be defeated and it will be defeated, but I



RABBI SCHULTZ
Strange Is the Company

can not believe that the way to achieve this end is through smearing American military leaders," he added.

RESIGNS NOW

He announced he was giving his resignation from the board of the Jewish anti-Communist League to become effective immediately.

A subsidiary battle also developed between the Women's Auxiliary of the JWV and the Daughters of the American Revolution over Kamp's appearance at the conference.

The Jewish Times of Boston reported that Mrs. William A. Becker, former DAR president, refused to apologize for presenting Kamp at the conference. Mrs. Becker is chairman of the advisory committee of the conference.

WOMEN PROTEST

The protest by the JWV women was made after Kamp gave his talk.

The JWV women were not given an opportunity to reply from the platform to Kamp's attack on the ADL, according to the Boston Jewish weekly.

Mrs. Becker told the Jewish women that she might remove a portion of Kamp's remarks from the record of the meeting but that she would neither repudiate nor apologize in any way for Kamp's appearance.

Despite the development, a spokesman for the JWV auxiliary said after the meeting that the JWV would continue participation in the annual conference.

HIT GENOCIDE PACT

One of the resolutions approved by the conference, according to the Jewish Times, was one in opposition to the United Nations Convention on Genocide which was condemned as subversive.

The Times story did not indicate what position the JWV women representatives had taken on that resolution.

Agency Says No Role In Tzena Dispute

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK — The American Palestine of the Jewish Agency for Palestine denied this week it had intervened in any way in the dispute between an American and an Israeli composer over the authorship of "Tzena."

A spokesman for the Agency said it was not involved in any way in efforts to settle the dispute between Julius Grossman and Israeli composer Issachar Miron. Grossman is suing Miron for \$100,000, charging that the Israeli has concealed Grossman's portion in the authorship of the song hit.

Austria Students Fight Pro-Jewish Film

VIENNA (WNS)—Over 300 students in the city of Innsbruck demonstrated against the showing of a film debunking the blood libel against Jews, it was reported here this week.

Definitely, Says N. Y. Rabbi SHOULD U. S. JEWS SING ONLY OLD HATIKVAH?

MT. VERNON, N.Y.—A Conservative rabbi urged this week that American Jews stick to the pre-state version of Hatikvah, the Jewish anthem, rather than the revised version.

Rabbi Joseph H. Wise, spiritual leader of the Jewish Center, made the proposal in his column in the center's publication. Rejecting the charge of anti-Zionism his proposal might evoke, Rabbi Wise said that "we who love Israel's re-established homeland ought to sing the old words of Hatikvah rather than those used since the glorious date of May, 1948."

He said that the use of both forms created confusion at Jewish gatherings but that "only the first is really appropriate for American Jews."

He cited particularly the old and new version of the second stanza, the latter now reading "then our hope, the 2,000-year-old hope, has not yet been lost, of being a free people in our country, the land of Zion and Jerusalem."

Rabbi Wise said it was his "firm conviction" that while the new form was the only suitable one for Jews in Israel, "for American Jews who love Israel, the old form is correct."

Observant Jews Who Move Too Far Away From Synagogue Held Disloyal To Judaism

SEATTLE—Observant Jews who move so far away from their synagogues that they cannot attend Sabbath services are guilty of disloyalty to Judaism, in the opinion of a Seattle Orthodox rabbi.

Discussing the problems of attendance at his Bikur Cholim Synagogue, Rabbi Gerson Appel said that he was not impressed by arguments of congregants that they lived too far from the synagogue, commenting that "this is certainly not the fault of the synagogue."

"The very first consideration in the matter of residence should be proximity to the synagogue, the Talmud Torah and the center of

Jewish life," Rabbi Appel told his congregation in his "Synagogue Tribune."

He said a Jewish environment was one of the most important factors in keeping Jews and the children "within the fold of Jewish tradition."

"An observant Jew who, because of a desire to live in a more fashionable neighborhood, takes up residence so far from the Shul as to render it impossible for him and his children and family to attend services on Shabbos is guilty of a breach of loyalty," Rabbi Appel said.

DIGEST OF YIDDISH PRESS

HOW ABOUT SOME PUBLICITY
ON SONG HITS ON JEWISH MELODIES?

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

JEWISH MUSIC Month would be a good time for someone to list the various Jewish melodies which have been syncopated for popular consumption, thinks an unnamed FREIHEIT columnist. The idea came to him when he heard a disk-jockey announce a new song, called "A Toast to Happiness" and it turned out to be the Yiddish tune, "Lawmir Alle in Aynem." Then there's that "sher" dubbed "Wedding Samba," and "Di Grine Kuzine" (alias "My Little Cousin"), and "Awt Azoi Neht a Shneider," not to mention the still popular "Tzena." More people ought to know about these Jewish contributions to American music, the writer avers.

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And Here's One

Example From Israel

A modern Jewish composer has made music of Isaiah's peace prophecy ("swords into plowshares"), and has adapted many other prophetic motifs to song. And, according to the DAY'S B. Z. Goldberg, the melodies are extremely stirring. Pinchas Yassinovsky is the com-

poser, cited by Goldberg, along with the artists Saul Raskin and S. Lev Landau as men who are skillfully interpreting Jewish cultural ideas for the benefit of the American public.



SILVER

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Shocked Israel Labor
Tightens Political Ranks

One result of the large general Zionist vote in the Israel municipal elections has been the tightening of labor's ranks. Elections took place in November, but so close were the votes that it took weeks for the various parties to form coalitions strong enough to select mayors form the ranks of the city councils.

Threatened by general Zionists, the Mapai and Mapam buried their differences long enough to form a solid Histadrut front. Consequently, the general Zionists have not been able to cash in on their poll increases by winning more mayoralties. H. Vital, of the laborite FORWARD, asserts that the reverse has occurred: namely, that there are less general Zionist mayors than before November.

Biggest labor victory was in Haifa, Israel's second city, where the veteran general Zionist Shabbetai Levin has been replaced as mayor by Abba Chushi of Mapai. Similarly, in Petach Tikvah, fourth largest city, a Mapai man,

Pinchas Rashish (who has a brother in Boston) now heads up the government in place of the rightist Joseph Safir.

"In the majority of cities," claims Vital, "general Zionist mayors have been ousted." Examples are: Afulah, Tiberias, Rehoboth, Magdial, Pardas Chana, and Herzliyah. In Jerusalem, an alliance of Hapoel Mizrahi and general Zionists succeeded in elevating S. Z. Shraggal a Hapoel Mizrahi leader to the mayor's seat. But in most cases, Vital writes, the laborite wing of Mizrahi sided not with the religious bloc but with Mapai-Mapam.

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House-Organ Notes

Dr. Aaron Rosmarin, omniscient pundit whose "Questions and Answers" column in the JOURNAL, is one of the liveliest features in any Yiddish paper, has been appointed general manager of the JOURNAL. "He will be a great asset," declared Rabbi I. D. Bergman, editor-in-chief of the JOURNAL and AMERICAN... The FORWARD broke out into a front-page glow over its receipt of an award from the Linguaphone Institute as the best Yiddish paper.

Israel Produces
Lots Of Olive Oil

TEL AVIV—During the 1949-50 season, 1916 tons of oil were produced in 61 oil presses controlled by the Ministry of Agriculture. Twenty-three percent of the oil was produced from olives.

Time Rates Commentary
Among Top U. S. Magazines

NEW YORK—Although Commentary continues to lose money, with a deficit of \$104,000 last year, the American Jewish Committee-sponsored class publication is rated as "one of the best magazines in the United States" by Time magazine.

The newsweekly reported that the first issue of Commentary sold only 4,341 but that it now has 20,196 circulation "and a wide influence."

"Among its readers in 66 countries, none scan it more closely than those in the State Department," Time reported. "Again and again, the Department has picked up articles for distribution around the world, either because they have so ably stated the position of the democratic world, or so clearly exposed the fallacies of totalitarianism."

The magazine is described as the joint creation of Editor Elliott E. Cohen and the AJCommittee, powerful and conservative Jewish civic defense agency.

"The Committee, which foots Commentary's bills, wanted a magazine that would exemplify the intellectual dignity of Judaism and it picked Editor Cohen as the man for the job."

Iowa-born and Alabama-raised Cohen graduated from Yale at 19 and became editor of the Menorah Journal at 24.

He was quoted by Time as saying the idea of Commentary is "not to tell people what to think but to give them the material to think with." He calls it libertarian but opposed to "liberal cliches and stereotypes which pass as student."

ELLIOTT E. COHEN
Quality Is Expensive

substitutes for thinking."

Under Cohen's editorial direction, Time noted, the magazine "has devoted a sizable part of its space to Jewish problems."

The newsweekly reported that the magazine has been accused of anti-Zionism, and of being "too calm about anti-Semitism" but did not mention the blistering criticism frequently leveled by Jewish critics who charge the magazine with contemptuous disdain for basic Jewish loyalties and European-Yiddish values.

Cohen wants to see circulation rise to 50,000 in the task of "trying to be the best possible teacher talking to the best possible audience."

Rabbi Hits Sabbath Drive
Of BB F For March Of Dimes

HOUSTON—A Houston Orthodox rabbi sharply criticized plans of a local B'nai B'rith lodge this week to solicit funds on a Saturday for the March of Dimes campaign.

Rabbi Max Geller of Beth Jacob Congregation said it was a wonderful thing for any group to help raise funds for crippled children.

But, he added in a letter to the Jewish Herald-Voice, local Anglo-Jewish weekly, "I cannot understand why a Jewish organization should choose the Sabbath for this purpose."

"There are six other days in the week and I know that every organization participating was given the preference of choosing the day they wanted to work on," Rabbi Geller added.

He said it was a mystery to him "why members of a Jewish organization, especially one, as the B'nai B'rith, such a grand old Jewish order, whose purpose is to have all Jews meet on one platform, should choose to openly violate their Sabbath, the Jewish day of rest, for which our forefathers suffered and even gave their lives."

He said that as a Jew and as a member of B'nai B'rith, he protested against the "open flaunting and desecration of our Holy Sabbath."

For the Information of Contributors
To Israel Philanthropy

THE MAIN CHANNEL for American Jewry's philanthropic support of Israel is the UNITED JEWISH APPEAL. Its primacy in this field has been endorsed by the overwhelming majority of Jewish communities throughout the United States and the organizations through which they operate.

This primacy is based upon the tremendous scope of the activities which are carried on in Israel through United Jewish Appeal funds. These funds are the backbone of the Jewish State's huge immigration, colonization and absorption program. UJA dollars financed the transportation and settlement in Israel of every one of the 600,000 immigrants who've come to her shores since the establishment of the State in May, 1948.

UJA dollars must continue to finance the immigration and absorption of the 600,000 additional immigrants who are expected to arrive in Israel during the next three years.

Unwarranted Campaigns

In addition to the United Jewish Appeal, certain other authorized organizations with established traditions of constructive work in Israel can legitimately lay claim to public support in the United States and elsewhere.

But occasionally individuals and organizations launch new campaigns in behalf of Israel, enterprises of special and limited character. These enterprises are not always constructive and the claims put forward in their behalf are not always warranted by the facts.

The Authorization of Drives

As a direct result of demands by the organized Jewish communities of the United States, and with the support and sympathy of the Government of Israel, the Jewish Agency for Palestine set up one year ago a COMMITTEE ON CONTROL AND AUTHORIZATION OF CAMPAIGNS. The function of the COMMITTEE is to scrutinize all proposed campaigns in behalf of Israel with a view to establishing the validity of their claims and their general usefulness.

When In Doubt

The COMMITTEE will shortly announce what campaigns for Israel, in addition to the United Jewish Appeal, will be authorized for 1951. In the meantime you are urged when asked for contributions by any organization other than the United Jewish Appeal to examine carefully the claims put forward by the canvassing group. If you are in doubt, write to the JEWISH AGENCY FOR PALESTINE, Committee On Control And Authorization Of Campaigns, 16 East 66th Street, New York 21, N. Y.

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Hebrew U. Students Strike Over Exams

National Jewish Post

JERUSALEM—A night-long and turbulent meeting of students at the Hebrew University ended with a decision for an indefinite strike against a new ruling on year-end examinations.

The decision for an indefinite strike followed a one-day walkout in protest against the new ruling, under which the University will hold only one sitting for year-end examinations, in place of the two sittings previously in effect.

A delegation of the Students Association told President Selig Brodetsky that the new regulations will prevent many working students from taking the examinations.

Under prior arrangements, several sittings were actually held for each subject and students were able to stagger their examination periods over the summer months.

Brodetsky said that the many sittings placed a heavy burden on the faculty and staffs, who were forced to undertake huge amounts of paper work.

He said many of the faculty members spent most of their summer vacations marking papers, leaving them little time for research or planning for their courses in the next academic year.

Last spring, a group of students staged a "sit-down" strike against refusal of the university to permit lower fees for certain classifications of students.



BRODETSKY

Reform Rebuff To Rabbi Maimon Developing In Philadelphia Too

PHILADELPHIA—The snub of American Reform leaders in Cincinnati to Israel's Cabinet Minister Rabbi Judah L. Maimon appeared likely this week to be repeated in the City of Brotherly Love.

Four Cincinnati Reform leaders, including Dr. Nelson Glueck, last month declined invitations to serve on a welcoming committee for the controversial Israel religious leader. Dr. Glueck is president of the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion, the American Reform seminary.

The Philadelphia Jewish Times reported last week that "some of the leading Reform representatives flatly refused to serve on the welcoming committee" for Rabbi Maimon's appearance here on Feb. 11.

INVITATIONS SENT

Rev. Godil Milner, executive director of the Mizrahi (religious Zionist) Organization in Philadelphia, told the local Anglo-Jewish weekly that invitations had been sent to Philadelphia Reform leaders who were known to be pro-Zionist. The Mizrahi organization is sponsoring Rabbi Maimon's tour.

When questioned by the Times, Rabbi Milner said that none of the Reform leaders had accepted the invitation. Like the Cincinnati Reform leaders, those in Philadelphia said they could not serve with a clear conscience on any committee welcoming Rabbi Maimon because they felt that the Israel Orthodox leader was heading efforts to establish a theocracy in Israel.

The Times said Rabbi Milner had not abandoned hope for some acceptances from the Reform group here.

In addition to Dr. Glueck, oth-

er Cincinnati Reform leaders rejecting the invitation were Lester A. Jaffe, chairman of the Board of Governors of the HUC-JIR; Rabbi Stanley Brav of Rockdale Temple and Philip Meyers, former Ohio chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

JUST BAD TASTE

They were promptly rebuked by Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, national Mizrahi president. Dr. Churgin called the snub a "case of extraordinary bad taste." (NJP, Jan. 19).

After his appearance this week in Cincinnati and Cleveland and in Philadelphia, Rabbi Maimon will be in Boston Feb. 14, Providence on Feb. 15, Detroit on Feb. 18, Chicago on Feb. 21, Pittsburgh on Feb. 25, and will end his U.S. tour in Baltimore on Feb. 27.

Rabbinical Council Hits Membership Peak

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Membership in the Rabbinical Council of America, representing American-trained Orthodox rabbis, has reached 420 members, the highest in its history, it was reported last week.

Rabbi Abraham Avrutick, membership chairman, said that his committee has a backlog of more than 70 applicants whose credentials are now being studied for ratification.

Council Convention Slated For April 13

NEW YORK—The seventh annual conference of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism will be held April 13 to 15, it was announced last week.

President Lessing Rosenwald said that the convention will be held at the Drake Hotel in Chicago.

Mrs. Warburg Gives \$650,000 To UJA

NEW YORK—(WNS)—To mark her 75th birthday and the 80th birthday of her late husband, Mrs. Felix M. Warburg has made a special contribution of \$500,000 to the United Jewish Appeal in addition to a gift of \$150,000 which repeats her last year's contribution to the UJA, it was announced here by William Rosenwald, Rudolf G. Sonnborn and Rabbi Jonah B. Wise, national chairman of the campaign.

In a letter accompanying the gift, Mrs. Warburg stated that her "particular purpose in making a special gift at this time" was "to increase the funds available in dollars to alleviate the dire need for housing and to get the immigrants out of the camps and integrated into the life of Israel as quickly as possible." Mrs. Warburg further pointed out that, although neither she nor her husband had ever become political Zionists, they had become so impressed by the cultural needs of the Jewish settlers during their various trips to Palestine before World War II that they "gave considerable sums toward that end and toward the strengthening of the newly-founded Hebrew University."

N. Y. Rabbis Ask Sabbath Law Change

NEW YORK (WNS)—The N. Y. Board of Rabbis, meeting here at its 70th annual convention, went on record as favoring federal aid to the states "for the purpose of equalizing educational opportunities for all American children."

At the same time the Board urged Governor Dewey and the New York State Legislature to amend the Sabbath laws of the state so that "observant members of any religion which cherishes another day than Sunday as its day of rest may perform their business duties and keep their establishments open on Sunday."

Cuba Reform Temple Joins UAHF As Member

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The first Reform congregation in Cuba has affiliated with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, congregational arm of the American Reform movement.

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath, UAHF president, said that the Temple Beth Israel in Havana is the 427th Reform congregation to join the UAHF. The Cuba Temple has a membership of 110 and a religious school of 40.

Cattle imported into Israel during 1950 totalled 7,000 head, most of which came from the United States.

Huntington Laboratories
Huntington, Indiana
Denver Toronto

Council Denies Any Bond Stand, Despite Rosenwald's Letter

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A minor mystery developed this week on the position of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism on the forthcoming Israel bond sale in the United States.

Trustworthy sources here reported that the Council has neither approved or disapproved or even discussed a policy toward the bond sale.

That information was offered in response to POST queries based on a membership letter signed by President Lessing J. Rosenwald in which new members were sought on the basis of a fight against the bond sale.

The circular, on a Council letterhead, opened with a question: "How does a dollar loan to Israel relate to your worship in Judaism?" and offered its own reply: "It doesn't."

The membership circular said that political "mobilization" of American citizens "for a foreign state—on the basis of Judaism—was definitely 'unjustifiable.'"

Officials in the national office of the Council professed to be in complete ignorance of any formal stand by any Council leader against the bond sale.

The POST was informed that Rosenwald's statement to prospective members did not represent official policy and that the Council not only has taken no stand on the drive but has not even discussed it.

Syrian Jews Fear Exit From Italy

ROME (WNS)—Unless the Italian Ministry of the Interior extends their residential permits, several thousand Jews of Syrian nationality may be forced to leave the country, it was authoritatively reported here.

This situation developed when the Syrian government notified the Italian government that it would not renew the passports of Syrian Jews living in Italy. The Jewish nationals of Syria are reluctant to return to their country because of its anti-Jewish policies.

Efforts are being made by the Union of Jewish Communities in Italy to have the government rule that the Syrian Jews are political and racial refugees and therefore entitled to asylum in Italy.

Israel Manufacturers Lock Out Strikers

TEL AVIV (WNS)—Approximately 8,000 workers in the metal industry were locked out when the manufacturers closed 260 plants throughout the country.

The action was taken following a breakdown in the negotiations of the wage dispute. The manufacturers proclaimed the lockout in answer to a strike called by 500 workers some two weeks ago in ten metal plants.

The manufacturers claimed the wage increase demands were in violation of a government order freezing wages. Labor circles denounced the industry for rejecting "most liberal proposals" and at the same time the Histadrut turned down a proposal that the workers return for a month, pending further negotiations.

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MEET A BANKER WHO IS ALSO
A RANKING STUDENT OF JUDAISM

Editor's Note: This is one of a series of columns on people who, Mr. Alpert feels, should be better known by American Jewry.

By CARL ALPERT

THE popular conception of the American banker and financier hardly agrees with the character and interests of Maxwell Silver, who holds a responsible position of leadership with one of New York's large banking institutions. For whatever his later studies and training, Dr. Silver's first education was at Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, and his first occupation, that of rabbi.

He ministered to his congregations, and the early reports record the views and opinions of Rabbi Silver on matters of interest to Jews and Gentiles alike. Dr. John Haynes Holmes, a quarter of a century ago, felt compelled to point out that Rabbi Silver, in one of his works, "takes Christianity at its word, and then attempts to convict it on the basis of this word. The strategy of such dialectic is as brilliant as it is original. It changes the whole front of Jewish controversy, and for the first time brings effective challenge to the Christian position."



ALPERT

THIS PROMISING talent was considered lost when the good rabbi decided to leave the pulpit and to enter the commercial market place. Those who thought that the change was to mean intellectual stagnation or abandonment of Jewish principles were wrong however. Fourteen years later this banker, ex-rabbi, completed another chapter of his never-ending studies in Judaism, and earned the Doctor of Divinity Degree from HUC. His banking associates learned to look upon him with new respect, and no client of the bank could ever again think of him in stereotypes.

Incidentally, Dr. Silver's continued interest in Jewish religious problems is an element of his life completely separated from his vocational occupation, and he does not permit the one to capitalize on the other. For that reason he does not permit mention of the name of his bank in any of the articles which have been written about him, lest there be cynics who think that this is but a gag of the institution's publicity department.

LAST YEAR Dr. Silver penned another volume which has caused excited comment in many circles. "The Way to God," he called this book, a rationalist's explanation of religion and theology to a doubting but intellectually curious son. His own boy,

Harold, is made to appear as the antagonist in the book, but when one considers that Harold will himself this year graduate as a rabbi from his father's alma mater, the role given him in the book must be looked upon as a literary device, and a most successful one.

"The Way to God" displays the tradition of its author and the vast extent of his reading, ranging into Greek philosophy and through the major works of Jewish studies. A banker-rabbi may appear to be a paradox, though it may be recalled that Don Isaac Abarbanel was chief financier of the Spanish throne, and

Israel Orchestra Show In Minneapolis
Shatters Precedent With Big Advance Sale

National Jewish Post
MINNEAPOLIS—The Feb. 17 evening appearance of the Israel Philharmonic here will shatter local theater precedent by causing the city's largest movie theater to be closed on the busiest movie day of the week—Saturday.

The local Hadassah district, sponsor of the concert, was unable to locate an auditorium big enough to house the concert for that date.

Hadassah officials thereupon appealed to the Minnesota Amusement Co., which owns theaters throughout the area. The firm made available the 4,000-seat Radio City Theater, largest in the upper midwest.

Concert preparations will require closing of the theater throughout the day. Among those

preparations is the installation of a large golden horseshoe to mark the section assigned to holders of patrons tickets.

A special booth to handle pre-concert ticket sales has been set up in the Radio City theater lobby. Telephone reservations and sales became so heavy that the theater's telephones were swamped and theater business usually handled by telephone was stymied.

A special telephone had to be installed, which was listed with the telephone company as the Israel Philharmonic ticket office.

Hadassah likewise found it necessary to double its sales force in an effort to keep up with both telephone and direct sales.

Waste Charged In
Overseas Spending
For Jewish Needs

By EARL KLEIN

National Jewish Post Correspondent

CHICAGO—(NJP)—Charges of waste in overseas spending for Jews were cited last week at a public forum as an answer to accusations that American Jews were spending too much on local institutions.

The exchange took place before a seminar of the Young People's division of the Jewish Federation of Chicago. The topic "Neighborhood or Negev—Where Shall We Build?" was the fourth and final discussion in a series sponsored by the group on current Jewish issues.

NATION AT WAR

Benjamin R. Harris, chairman of the Midwest region of the United Palestine Appeal told the seminar that "The Jewish people is a people at war and like every other nation at war, it must defer all non-essential spending and concentrate on war-time projects.

"No self-respecting nation would neglect to take care of its war-time casualties," he declared.

He said that Chicago Jewish charities were building luxurious homes for the aged, extravagant hospitals and nurses homes, while in Israel Jews were crying for roofs over their heads.

"Jews in Israel are shivering without homes and in Chicago we appropriate \$2,500,000 for a psychosomatic institute," he said. "Even doctors are laughing at our extravagance in building hospitals."

Rabbi Arnold J. Wolf of Temple Emanuel, moderator for the seminars, countered that the overseas funds themselves are often wasteful and said that many of their workers lived in luxury while on overseas assignments.

"A bureaucracy is being developed so that much of the money for overseas purposes never reaches the persons who need it," he asserted.

Harris agreed that there was often unwarranted expenditures and inefficiency in handling funds by overseas agencies but he added that "two wrongs don't make a right, and overseas funds will and must break down the bureaucracy and stop inefficiency, incompetence and wastefulness in handling funds."

Ernest Greenberger, an attorney and board member of the Young People's Division, said there was great need at home.

"Local institutions are important to the prestige of the Jewish community," he said. "Many agencies such as hospitals and clinics serve the entire community. Local needs are also closer to the individual who contributes the money."

He also said that local charities are helping the "war casualties" by settling displaced persons in Chicago.

Rabbi Wolf told the meeting that Samuel Goldsmith, executive director of the Jewish Federation and frequent target of charges of being a dictator in the handling of local funds, had refused an invitation to address the seminar on overseas versus local needs.

Israel Imports
Jump 42 Million

TEL AVIV—During the first eight months of last year Israel's imports have increased by more than \$42,600,000, according to a survey released here by the Government statistical bureau.

The imports during that period amounted to the sum of \$191,000,000 as compared to \$148,400,000 in the corresponding period during 1949.

UN Sends Experts
To Aid Israel Farms

WASHINGTON (WNS)—United Nations and Agriculture Organization will send two of its technical experts to Israel soon to aid the Jewish state in its agricultural problems, it was disclosed here this week.

One of the experts will advise Israel on grazing, forestry and crop production problems. The other will advise Israel on problems of desert land reclamation.

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National Jewish Post

TEL AVIV—An Israeli Arab last week complimented a Magistrate's Court for meeting his request for a speedy trial.

Ziso Stankoff, a cart driver from Sheikh Muwannis, charged with keeping a radio without a license, announced, on his appearance in court, "I want to be tried today."

He explained that because of the possibility of rain he might lose a day's work if he was not tried immediately. His request was granted and he was fined 100 prutah.

"All Government offices should work that well," Stankoff said as he paid his fine.

Only 50 Jews Left
In French German Zone

FRANKFORT (WNS)—Of the 2,500 Jews who lived in the French zone in Germany during the post-war years, only 50 are left, it was disclosed here this week.

In view of the curtailment in the number of displaced persons, the Central Committee of Liberated Jews in the French zone has decided to liquidate its activities, most of which were devoted during the past year to the securing of compensation for the victims of Nazism. The only Jewish community in the zone is located at Constance.

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Goodwill Means Jobs in Israel

A selection of some of the gift items for export now being produced in Israel through the program developed by Michigan Zionist David J. Ross are shown above.

Michigan Businessman Provides Jobs For Israeli

BENTON HARBOR, Mich.—A Michigan businessman and Zionist was busy this week on a one-man labor of love to provide work for thousands of newcomers to Israel.

David J. Ross, a lamp and lampshade manufacturer on a national scale, organized his one-man effort on the basis of a conviction formed when he visited Palestine in 1946 and foresaw that the forthcoming state would need American business know-how and aid.

When the State was established, Ross organized the Associated Israeli Industries to buy and sell products from Israel. He sent a personal representative to Israel to establish business and government contracts.

TOOLS DESIGNED

Samples began arriving at his plant here of projected items. In many cases, the tools and dies for production were designed here and sent to Israel.

Another hurdle was the task of instructing Israel's manufacturers on handling the problems of machinery, raw materials, design and workmanship.

Upshot of the labor was the development of a line of ceramic and metal objects now beginning to come on the American market.

DISTRIBUTION NEXT

With production problems on their way to being solved, Ross turned to the problem of distribution in the United States and the problems of competition and price in the American market.

Ross concluded that the tech-

nique developed by such firms as Brown and Bigelow would fit the situation nicely.

Engaging the public relations firm of Safian-Roscoe Co., Ross outlined a plan to go to business firms and instead of soliciting charitable contributions, ask them to turn over to Israel their large-scale purchases of gifts for business goodwill purposes.

PLAN FOR GIFTS

Plans are now being developed for a nation-wide campaign aimed at American business officials who will be approached directly and by mail to buy the Israel ceramic and metal objects for gift purposes.

Ross is a past president of the local Temple Beth El, president for the past ten years of the Jewish Community Council of Barrien County, a member of the national Council of the United Jewish Appeal and currently vice president of the Michigan Region of the Zionist Organization of America.

He is equally active in the general community, where he is a member of the local Rotary club and a director of the community chest.

Canada Jewry Seeks 15 Millions In 3 Years

National Jewish Post
MONTREAL—Canadian Jewry

plans to raise \$5,250,000 a year in gift dollars for the next three years through the National Conference for Israel, on March 25 and 26.

The statement came from Saul Hayes, National Executive Director of the Canadian Jewish Congress and was endorsed by Rabbi Jesse Schwartz, national executive of the Zionist Organization of Canada. They are co-directors of the conference scheduled for Easter Sunday and Monday in Montreal.

The United Israel Appeal is expected to raise \$3,750,000 annually from the 200,000 Jews of Canada. United Jewish Relief Agencies is to supply the balance. Besides helping to settle refugees in Canada and to support local institutions, UJRA contributes to the Joint Distribution Committee.

First Confirmation Conclave In Ohio

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—The first Confirmation and Post-Confirmation conclave has been held at the Temple Anshe Emeth here.

The plan was developed by Rabbi J. Leonard Azneer, spiritual leader of the Conservative congregation, in cooperation with other Conservative congregations and rabbis. All are members of the Ohio State Region of the Rabbinical Assembly of America.

Some 70 boys and girls between 15 and 17 from all parts of Ohio attended a weekend session at the Temple. The entire religious service on Sunday morning was conducted by the delegates.

Rabbi Azneer reported that the children formed a Steering Committee and made plans for another conclave in another city next year.

The erection of new buildings in Israel in the next three years will cost \$18,620,000. They will include a new Knesseth building in Jerusalem; more hospitals, police stations, prisons and post offices; and a Customs House and Law Courts in Haifa. The facilities of Lydda airport will also be increased.

Israel To Mix Free Enterprise With Ration Plan For Clothing

National Jewish Post

TEL AVIV—Israel's Trade and Industry Ministry plans to combine a little free enterprise with its rationing of clothing and footwear, it was reported last week.

Under the plans announced by non-party Minister Yaacov Geri, merchants will be permitted the occasional unrestricted sale of certain items at prices higher than the fixed ones.

Geri said that establishment of a free market for all items in the two clothing classifications would be impossible, in view of the lag of production behind constantly expanding needs.

He said that it had been decided, however, to give approval to manufacturers at occasional intervals to sell their goods locally at higher prices.

The main reason for the move, Geri said, was the hope that the higher profits would enable the manufacturer to in effect subsidize his exports at lower prices for world sale.

Geri stressed that such permission would be approved only after sufficient clothing and footwear had been distributed to fill the quotas for the normal ration needs at controlled prices.

The program was set up after

Geri decided that greater exports were urgently needed, if that could be achieved without cutting rationed supplies to the Israel population.

17 States Withholding Israel Recognition

JERUSALEM—The countries that have not yet recognized Israel either de facto or de jure, are:

Pakistan, Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, Iraq, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Portugal, Spain, Syria and Tibet. Libya and the Vatican City have also thus far refrained from recognizing Israel.

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New Oakland Synagogue To Follow Jewish Shifting

National Jewish Post

OAKLAND, Calif.—Plans for construction of a new edifice for Oakland's Orthodox congregation Beth Jacob symbolize the shift and dispersal of Oakland's Jewish population.

The present synagogue has been in west Oakland for the past 40 years. Near it are the community's three kosher meat markets. But most of Oakland's Jewry have moved to East Oakland and the Lake Merritt district.

Rabbi Joseph Greenberg, who came to Beth Jacob less than a year ago, reported that he has obtained the support of all Jewish groups, Reform and Conservative as well as Orthodox, in buying a lot in the lake district. The synagogue should be completed this year, according to present plans.

Rabbi Greenberg, a graduate of New York's Yeshiva University who came here from Brooklyn's Young Israel congregation of Eastern Parkway, also told The POST that a Hebrew school

will be part of the new synagogue. The present synagogue lacks a school.

He said students will be drawn from the entire community since the present membership of some 300 families is mainly of older people.

In its efforts to speed the development of its industries, Israel has increased the proportion of investment goods in its imports from 24 percent in 1949 to 34 percent in 1950, while decreasing the share of consumer goods from 36 percent to 26 percent.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

DR. SALO BARON VERY DUBIOUS INTER-MARRIAGE IS A REAL THREAT

THE generally-accepted position that inter-marriage is a serious threat to Jewish survival was given a brisk brush-off by famed Jewish scholar SALO BARON. Speaking before a Winnipeg Jewish audience, Dr. Baron examined the evidence and concluded that has been overestimated in its immediate effect and in statistical studies and that it was neither serious nor vital in the struggle for Jewish survival.



BARON

The Gallant Touch

The dancing half of the team of PAUL DRAPER and LARRY ADLER, famous harmonic player, demonstrated recently that the years have not robbed him of his agility. The occasion was an appearance of the pair in a Tel Aviv cafe. Their performance was capped when an attractive blonde leaned over a rail and kissed Draper on the cheek. Draper leaped lightly over the railing and returned the compliment. Blushing, the girl returned to her table. "Anything for a bet," said she, and collected two pounds from a friend at the table.

The Hot Tip

The existence and end of a "behind-the-scenes" controversy within Hadassah over its next president was reported by Boris Smolar, editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in his "Between You and Me" column. Smolar reported that the battle had raged around the candidates ADA ROSENBERG, Mrs. SIEGFRIED KRAMARKSY and MARION GREENBERG. The recent mid-winter conference of Hadassah

decided to pick Mrs. ROSENBERG, whom Smolar described as acceptable to all factions, to succeed energetic Mrs. SAMUEL W. HALPRIN.

The Unique Sandek

Very special circumstances last week induced DAVID BEN-GURION to add the role of sandek (godfather) to his many chores in Israel. The circumstances were outlined in a letter to the prime minister from Avraham Itzhak, an Iraqi Jew who had been imprisoned by the Iraq police for Zionist activities before he took his wife and 12 children to Israel. In the letter he told Ben-Gurion that he vowed, while still in Iraq, that if his 13th child was born in Israel and was a boy, he would not have the child circumcised unless Ben-Gurion was present for the bris. The 13th child arrived at an immigrant camp and Ben-Gurion was present for the ceremony, according to the Jewish Chronicle of London.



BEN-GURION

The Career's End

A columnist for the Los Angeles Jewish Voice announced his resignation last week to become editor of the Catholic Digest. Thus ended a long-time stint for HARRY W. FLANNERY as perhaps the only Irish Catholic writing a regular column for an Anglo-Jewish newspaper. Flannery, in his farewell column, said he did not think the change in jobs was such a great switch, commenting that "It's been more unusual, as you know full well, for a Mick like me to have been writing for the Voice." He signed off his final column with a hearty "Shalom Lehitrahot!"

The Sober Analysis

The freshest and most reasonable suggestion as to what has happened to the Stone of Scone came from an official of the British Israel World Federation. Dr.

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute change by radio networks.

SUNDAY, Feb. 11—Rabbi Louis I. Mann, spiritual leader of Chicago's Sinai Congregation, speaking on "Religion and Psychiatry," second in a series of sermons on the "Message of Israel" program, 10 a.m. EST, ABC.

E. J. SPRINGETT, dominion commissioner of the missionary group, said at Winnipeg that the stolen stone probably would turn up eventually in Israel. The prediction was based on Springett's conviction that "the stone has been taken by divine will to Jerusalem in preparation for the return of Christ."

The Definite Stand

The role of comedian JACK BENNY in fund-raising for Israel, which has hitherto been a fairly unobtrusive one, moved into the limelight this week when the famous comedian pledged his full support to the 1951 UJA campaign. The comedian will make what is believed to be his first major trip for the UJA on Feb. 18 when he will address the UJA Southwest Regional Conference in Houston, Tex.



BENNY

With the Rabbis

Rabbi EUGENE GRUENBERGER has been installed as spiritual leader of Congregation B'nai Israel in Albuquerque, N. Mex. Rabbi NATHALI FRISHBERG, former rabbi at Temple Beth El in Springfield, Mass., has been installed as spiritual leader of the Hollis Hills (L.I.) Jewish Center.

Rabbi BENJAMIN B. WYANSKY of London, England, has been inducted as spiritual leader of Congregation Temple Emanuel of Port Richmond, Staten Island.

Rabbi SAUL B. APPELBAUM has been installed as spiritual leader of Temple Beth-El in Rockford, Ill.

Installation of Rabbi J. LEONARD AZNEER as spiritual leader of Temple Anshe Emeth in Youngstown, O. was marked at two days of ceremonies.

Rabbi and Mrs. JEHUDAH BRAVER of Los Angeles, have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their son, Louis S. Braver, to Miss Frieda Shulman of Troy, N.Y.

Rabbi and Mrs. EMANUEL BENNET of Columbus, Ga. announce the birth of a son, Mordecai Hyman, their second child.

Rabbi and Mrs. ALVIN RUBIN of Rosalyn Heights, N.Y. announce the birth of a son, David Howard.

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REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

TWO ISRAEL FILMS ON LIST FOR ACADEMY AWARD JUDGING

By SIMON WINCEBERG

OUT of 11 entries screened for Documentary Award consideration by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences early this month, two will be from Israel: "Out of Evil," entered by the Palestine Foundation Fund and "The Village Tale," entered by Palestine Films, Inc., which produced both of them.

A number of films of Jewish interest are also to be found among the 31 candidates for Academy Award Honors in the short subject classification: "The House on the Hill," (Palestine Films, Inc.), Baruch Diner's "New Pioneers," entered by Paramount Pictures, "The Hard Core," (International Refugee Organization), and "Uirapuru," by Samuel Zappa, a 26-year-old Israeli graduate student at UCLA, about whom there was a half-page article in a recent Los Angeles Sunday Times headlined "UCLA Graduate Braves Death in Brazilian Wilds to Take Unusual Documentary Picture." Shmuel, along with a German anthropologist whom he picked up in a Rio museum, travelled for four weeks in primitive bark canoes up the Gurupi River, appeared to have some brushes with man-eating fish, struggled another week through the jungle with a 20-man native caravan, and came back with a master's thesis which runs for 17 minutes against a Villa-Lobos symphonic poem, and ought to be reckoned, indirectly at least, on the basis of sheer guts and initiative, as a credit to Israel's lusty film industry.

In spite of the fact that Shmuel and I and our respective dates got together at the Cafe de Paris on Sunset for an extended interview last year, I have little to report about his opinions and plans in regard to Israel's film industry, aside from a certain healthy pessimism, which may have changed since. Stimulated by some very passable coffee at 25 cents a cup, the deepest we got into the question of Israeli culture all evening was on the bandstand towards 11, where we teamed up for an extremely competent and utterly authentic rendition of "Etz HaRimon." The clientele, as I recall, gave us their undivided apathy and went right on talking Austrian.

TWO PRODUCTIONS IN THE JEWISH documentary field somewhat less likely to come to the attention of the Academy's committee are Torah Umesorah's color sound films on an average day in a Yeshiva Ketanah (Hebrew Day School), one filmed in Philadelphia, and one in Far Rockaway. Purposes of the films, as that of all of Torah Umesorah's dynamic activity in the field of comprehensive Jewish education, is to stimulate the establishment of new Day Schools, and increase registration at existing ones.

Shooting scripts and narration for both films were written by Rabbi Bernard Goldenberg, Torah Umesorah's public relations director, and editor of its numerous publications. Charles Wengrovsky, another Torah Umesorah stalwart in the creative field, helped with the scripts and in selecting the components of the musical score.

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YOU will be pleased to learn that Jewish Survival is no longer the exclusive concern of The Jewish Spectator. Excursions into the problem now are also conducted periodically by Darr Smith, film columnist for the Los Angeles Daily News.

In an interview with "sixth-generation Palestinian" actor Albert Ben-Astar, Smith demands, rhetorically, I am sure, "how do you and your family stay in Palestine for six generations without getting killed off by Arabs? Or by locusts?"

MR. SMITH OBVIOUSLY IS NOT a follower of Dorothy Thompson, another star in the News galaxy, whose primary concern appears to be precisely the opposite.

Intoxicated by anthropology and arithmetic, columnist Smith plunges still further to hazard the theory that "actor Ben-Astar is an 1800th generation Palestinian because great-great-great-and-so-on grandpappy Ben-Astar had to come to Palestine before he ever went to Spain and there made possible the whelping of Rabbi Ben-Astar, who in turn made possible the birthing of actor Albert Ben-Astar."

A bit inelegantly put perhaps but unquestionably a sound bit of conjecture.

THE GASTRONOMIC ASPECTS of survival are covered by Mr. Smith a few weeks later in an interview with actor Bert Freed, last seen in "No Way Out" and "Halls of Montezuma." Freed's investments in Broadway plays, for example, are judged to "with fair regularity provide kreplach money." And the results of Freed having appeared in nine films during the past 18 months are pin-pointed as follows: "Where other actors have starved, he has been able to partake at proper intervals of lox and schnapps."

gagement of their daughter, presented a gift trip to Israel to Rocheal Balla, to Rev. Aaron N. Rabbi and Mrs. MARSHALL Cohen of Minneapolis.

The Ohev Shalom Congregation Miller's 13th anniversary in the tion of Kansas City, Mo. has pulpit of the congregation.

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

APOLOGIES FOR DRAGGING IN THE COUNCIL IN JEWISH LEARNING

By HELEN COHEN

WILLIAM Sauber, Green Bay, Wis., writes:

"In 'Women's Viewpoint' of Dec. 22, 1950, Helen Cohen reports about attending the Chevrah Shass, Seyum of one book of the Talmud. She mentions 'right or wrong, rational or irrational.' What does she mean by that? Of course it is right. Of course it is rational. For whom is she apologizing? She also quotes the American Council for Judaism in connection with it (not even saying L'Havdel). I don't see where they fit in at all.

"It seems she wants to convey to us that while the American Council for Judaism uses its head, the Chevrah Shass uses its heart. This isn't true. It takes a good head to study the Talmud and if the members of the Council would measure up to that, I am sure they wouldn't belong to it.

"Helen Cohen was not quite alert in her article that week. First she praises the women of Israel for not talking about their juniors and in the next paragraph gives us information about the Cohen's Junior."

COLUMNISTS ARE NOT ABOVE MISTAKES. The minute I read the piece in print I wished I had omitted that offending line. Even so, you aren't being too reasonable. All the nice statements I made in the article, and you have to harp on one which displeases you.

As for my remarks about Cohen, junior, the emphasis in the Israel story was on how much is spent over here for fancy duds for children, not especially on conversation about the family.

OUR local Hadassah is making a mistake by allowing the president to remain in office for two years. What it should do, if it could persuade the available candidates to accept that office, is to change presiding officers every six months.

The same situation holds true in most organizations to some degree but I am continually made aware of the steadfast loyalty to Hadassah of its roster of past presidents. Heading or working on its various projects each year can be found practically all those women who at one time acted in the capacity of president.

Bespeaks well the worthwhileness of Hadassah's work.

THE Jewish Community Bulletin of San Francisco carried a two-column picture in its Jan. 19 issue of two young ladies who were doing volunteer work in the local Jewish Welfare Fund office, helping out in the coming campaign. The title under the picture reads "Unsung Heroes."

What is so unsung about a two-column spread on the front page?

PROGRAM chairmen will be interested in a new type of talk called "Jewish Life in Story" being worked out by our former POST staff member, Mrs. Ben Paller of Indianapolis which, in her hands, should be as rich in entertainment value as in Jewish content. Ruth, a born raconteur, recently presented to the Terre Haute Sisterhood a portrait of Jewish life of the past century as mirrored in folk tales and stories of the period.

I didn't get to hear the talk but I have a report from the Terre Haute Temple Women's program chairman, Mrs. A. Herrington that "it was thoroughly enjoyed by all and, more important, proved to be a wonderful stimulant for more programs and information on Jewish culture."

RUTH IS WHAT WOULD BE CALLED in Hollywood a "triple-threat gal"—actor, playwright and producer; she has had her hand (in one way or another) in countless skits, pageants, readings and book reviews, immeasurably enriching the cultural life of our Jewish community. This new project of hers sounds like a worthy addition to her many accomplishments.

I'll be glad to forward any inquiries to Ruth from interested groups.

Hebrew U. Offers \$2,000 Scholarship

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Shebshaievitz Wintner

● Mrs. Pincus Shebshaievitz, 225 Parkside Ave., Brooklyn, writes:

My husband came from the small town of Rakow in Poland. His father and grandfather came from Mir in Poland. He is also a Cohen. Now this is our problem. Our name is a very difficult one to pronounce and to spell. We now have the opportunity to change it as my husband will shortly become a citizen. However he is the sole surviving member of his family and we do not want to lose the name. If we knew the origin of the name, we could still keep the original root and make life easier for our children in school where my husband teaches. My husband is a rabbi, a graduate of the Mir Yeshivah, so we could even change our name into its Hebrew meaning.



SHEBSHAIEWITZ is a patronymic and means "the son of Shabse." Shabse is a Hebrew personal name which originated in far-away Babylonia (now called Iraq) following the destruction of the First Temple. The Jewish residents of Babylonia adopted the custom of giving the name of Shabse to all male children born on the Sabbath. When born on any other holiday, they were given the name of Haggi or Yom Tov. If you wish to anglicise the name and still retain its original meaning, you might change it to the English **SABBATH**.

● Henry J. Blum, 901 W. Green St., Champaign, Ill. writes:

Would you please tell me the meaning of my wife's family name, Wintner? The family comes from a small village near Kosice and I was told that all Wintners originate from the same family.

WINTNER is a family name of geographical origin, referring to the small community of Wintner in the German Rhineland. Jews settled in the Rhineland in the early centuries of our era, when the country was still a Roman colony. Later they were compelled by persecutions to emigrate to various countries in Eastern and Central Europe.

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CHICKEN BORSHT

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| 2½ pounds chicken | 2 whole onions |
| 2½ quarts boiling water | 1 celery root, diced |
| 2 cups strained tomatoes | 1teaspoon salt |
| ½ cup lima beans | ¼ teaspoon pepper |
| 5 or 6 large beets, cut in strips | 2 tablespoons sugar |
| 2 potatoes, diced | 2 teaspoons lemon juice |
| 2 whole apples | yolks of 3 eggs |

Cut chicken at joints, and place in boiling water. Add the vegetables and salt and pepper, cover pot tightly, and let simmer 2 to 3 hours until chicken is tender. Remove chicken, apples and onions, add sugar and lemon juice, and let boil gently 3 minutes. Beat yolks, place in a bowl, and stir hot borsht into beaten eggs very gradually so that they do not curdle, blending well. If the mixture is too thick, dilute it with hot water.

CREAM OF ONION AND POTATO SOUP

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| 3 large potatoes | 2 tablespoons flour |
| 3 cups hot milk | salt and pepper |
| 2 or 3 large onions | 1 cup boiling potato water |
| 2 tablespoons butter | chopped parsley |

Boil potatoes until soft, mash carefully so that there are no lumps. Gradually add hot milk, stirring well. Slice onions, put in a pan, and fry in the butter until soft and slightly yellow. Stir the flour in, and let cook a few minutes until mixture bubbles and is well blended. Gradually add potato water, and let cook, stirring constantly, until mixture is smooth and thick. Gradually add milk-and-potato mixture, and let simmer, stirring constantly, until smooth and thickened. Add salt and pepper, add chopped parsley. Beat with an egg beater, and serve with croutons.

High Jewish DP Total Expected This Month

NEW YORK (WNS)—A sharp increase in DP arrivals during the past three months holds the promise that February will bring an all-time high total of more than 9,000 newcomers from the DP camps, HIAS officials declared here this week.

A spokesman for the organization asserted that "governmental authorities charged with the processing of the DPs in Washington and Europe were apparently making good their recent vows to speed the immigration process."

New Haven Schools Plan Hebrew Classes

National Jewish Post
NEW HAVEN, Conn. — This community is the latest to announce plans to introduce Hebrew into the high school curriculum. For the first time in the history of education in this city, Hebrew will appear on the application forms to be filled out by students next month in their selections of courses for the term beginning next fall.

Modern Hebrew will be on a par with French, Spanish and other foreign languages for which high school credit is given. Hebrew is now studied by thousands of students in the public schools of the country and is accepted by entrance requirements in about 700 colleges.

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On Guard, Men! Our Rights Are Being Challenged!

WE CAN sympathize with the wealthy temple members who resigned from Temple Emanuel in Wakefield, Mass., when a lady took office as president of the congregation.

This is no case of women's rights, which The POST has espoused all these years. This is no case of equality of women before the Torah, which The POST also has supported.

This is a case of the women taking over completely—after all these years of surreptitious undermining—of the position of the men in the congregation.

For years now the Sisterhoods have been beehives of activity while the Brotherhoods have been only pale imitations. For years now, while the men have been looking longingly at the easy chair after Friday evening's heavy dinner, they have been dragged off to services by their spouses. Yes, in all phases of activity in the congregation, the women have excelled the men.

That was all to the good as long as they did not seek to exercise the prerogative their activity and support for the congregation indicated. As long as women did not invade the domain of the men in running the congregation, let the women do the work, let them raise the money, keep the Sunday school going, and sell

all the ads in the annual yearbook. That was OK. But when they lose their sense of their place in the congregational scheme of things, that's too much.

So The POST can sympathize with those wealthy board members. Even if they didn't attend services (they may have in Wakefield; they don't in most Jewish communities) what has that to do with it? We are now discussing a man's wealth and the privileges that go with it.

A woman or two on the board, yes, but women, as president, definitely no. What is this world coming to? Hadassah is running rings around the Zionist Organization of America. The Sisterhoods, the Brandels Women, the National Council for Jewish Women—these are the organizations which are thriving in the American Jewish community.

This then is a call to the Jewish males in American Jewish life. On guard, men! Our rights are being invaded. We must even give up our gin games if necessary. No sacrifice is too great. It is high time we organized for our own protection lest we be forced to work for our congregations and—what is worse—attending services, in order to hold our position of dominance.

What Kind Of Religious Freedom In Israel?

IT IS remarkable how evasive some statesmen can be when asked embarrassing questions.

That Israel has complete freedom of religion is something no one will gainsay. No one will do so, that is, if one is thinking of freedom of religion today as contrasted with freedom of religion in the middle ages.

In those days, people were forced—on pain of various threats, this-worldly and other-worldly—to desist from work on Sunday and so on. In Israel today, none of these medieval practices exist.

But the fact that no one is forced to attend services in Israel does not prove that Israel has freedom of religion. There is one state religion in Israel and while not everyone in Israel observes it, it still is the only kind of Judaism recognized.

All the words in the world—whether spoken by Rabbi Judah Maimon, or any Orthodox rabbi in the United States—will not change that situation. Conservatism and Reform are not prohibited by law, but the law does not recognize Conservative and Reform rabbis.

Quite possibly if the Orthodox were not so short-sighted and permitted Reform rabbis to officiate at weddings and to perform other rites, neither of these branches of Judaism would gain any foothold at all. But as long as only the Orthodox rabbi is recognized, it is something akin to patronizing for Rabbi Maimon and others to repeat in parrot-like fashion the theme that there is freedom of religion in Israel.

For the Christian, for the Moslem, yes. There is freedom of religion in Israel.

But for the Jew, no.

The present attitude of the Orthodox in Israel towards criticism is, if nothing else, certainly consistent. It is like the Catholic church's attitude toward Protestantism. Catholicism alone is the true religion. It is the same kind of reasoning that denies the Conservative and Reform rabbinates full freedom in Israel, and still persists in declaring that in Israel there is freedom of religion.

In both cases, the Orthodox are wrong and will and are suffering as a result.

The Strictly Kosher Restaurant - Problem And Solution

WHAT is there to say about the closing of the lone kosher restaurant in San Francisco?

Except in New York, strictly kosher restaurants are a passing phenomenon in the American Jewish Community.

In Boston, and in Philadelphia, Jewish communities which are far larger than that of San Francisco, the strictly kosher restaurant cannot succeed as an economic enterprise without some kind of subsidy.

To hurl invectives at U. S. Jewry will not alter the situation one whit. Nor will it avail to bewail the lack of concern of the Orthodox

in San Francisco, or the Orthodox rabbinates there, which allowed the restaurant to close.

In many small Jewish communities, the kosher butcher is subsidized by the Orthodox group. Much of the same kind of financial support will have to be given by the Jewish community to the kosher restaurant. Otherwise, it cannot exist. This seems to be the only way, though many of our communities do not seem to be willing to want to understand the economics of the problem. The longer the Orthodox refuse to face the facts, the quicker the few remaining kosher restaurants will shut down.

the one planned by the UJA. Most certainly if the UJA fears that it may antagonize some Anglo-Jewish publishers because all cannot be accommodated with available funds, that obstacle can be overcome in one way or another.

It would seem to The POST that the Israel Government might have employed this idea months ago. When El Al, the Israel Airline, begins its regular direct flights from the United States to Lydda, that would be a particularly auspicious occasion on which to invite Anglo-Jewish newspapermen to come and see with their own eyes and to report on the new state, the greatest development in Jewish history in nearly 2,000 years.

THE EDITORS CHAIR

JUST IN CASE you may get the idea that I have gotten to the age where I'm hibernating and actually living the life of a sane Jewish father, staying at home and taking care of his developing children, I'll tell you about a few of the men I've been running into as I get around the country.

Some of them, like Ben Winick, president of the Southeastern region of the Zionist Organization of America, and Sol Luckman of Cincinnati, I've mentioned in this column before, but others like Jerold Hoffberger and J. Ben Katzner of Baltimore, Max Sano of New York, Herb Scheer of Dayton, Sam Lopinsky of Charleston, and Joe Hoddin of Cincinnati, are now acquaintances and people who bolster my faith in the future of the American Jewish community.

For all the ills visited on the American Jewish community by the plethora of Jewish organizations, and the plethora of drives, there is on the opposite side of the page as a balance the many people who have been drawn into position of leadership and often consecration.

A man like Sol Luckman is to me a consecrated man. The same goes for J. Ben Katzner. They may need the satisfaction that goes with recognition in Jewish life, but you can count for yourself the number of men of lesser caliber who forsook work in the Jewish field as soon as opposition appeared, or as soon as they felt they were not getting the plaudits they felt they deserved.

Katzner is a big man physically, and warm-hearted and able to make and carry out decisions which mark the successful American businessman. He is head of Baltimore's Associated Jewish Charities. When I talked to him, he was immersed in the preliminary big gifts part of a campaign to raise funds for a new Jewish medical center.

As for Sol Luckman, he has come up fast, as they say in baseball, and because he is willing to contribute thousands of dollars to his local welfare fund and travel from one end of the

U. S. to the other to help the United Jewish Appeal and other causes, Sol has joined the ranks of those for whom a special category will have to be found in Jewish history—men like Sam Rothberg, Julian Venezky, Melvin Dubinsky, Harold Goldenberg and many others, on the national level, and hundreds of them on the local level, like Charles W. Morris in Louisville, or Eli Goldstein in St. Louis, or Morris Goodman and Julian Freeman in Indianapolis, or Charles Brown in Los Angeles. You know the men I mean. You will find them in every community. I don't know how you'd rank them if you used synagogue attendance as a yardstick, but you can call these men irreligious? But that's not what I'm concerned about in this "chair."

Over in his office last week, Sol was telling me about his answer to someone in Houston, Tex., who brought up at a meeting of the big shots in the local Jewish drive that a certain Jewish department store owner contributed nothing to the drive.

Sol's answer is a classic. "I am a businessman," Sol started out. "When I send a new salesman out I tell him not to call on this and that account because they do not pay their bills. These are stores on the verge of bankruptcy or already bankrupt."

"Your store owner is morally bankrupt," Sol went on. "He is Jewishly bankrupt. You have many Jewish people here who can and will contribute their share to Jewish needs. Do like any good business does—ignore the bankrupts."

Of course his answer struck home.

A guy like Luckman is to me he may never attend services, a consecrated man, even though Not that I advocate not attending services, just in case anyone wants to misread my words. I'm saying only that even the ministering angels will find little fault with this new category of leadership in the U. S. Jewish community.

Portion of the Week

TERUMA

PARASHASS "Teruma" (Exodus 25:1-27:19; Haphtarah: I Kings 5:26-6:13) This scriptural portion tells us in detail of the construction of the Sanctuary and its sacred vessels and emblems. When Israel was redeemed from Egyptian bondage, and after it had become custodian of God's Divine law, it was His portion now to have a place to worship Him, and through it symbolize to all the world that the God of Israel is an omnipresent God, that He accompanies Israel wherever it may dwell. Each of the sacred vessels symbolized a certain meaning to the worshippers, which in a sense has maintained the same meaning unto this day, though the elements of sacrifice belong into the annals of our history and the Ark of the Covenant has disappeared in later years. But the spiritual teachings connected with these Holy symbols are still meaningful to us of this age. The Sanctuary consisted with three parts: The outer court, enclosed by pillars and curtains, for the gathering of the people; The Altar of sacrifice and the Laver of the Priests; and the Tabernacle, which was divided in two parts by a veil, first the Holy Place, where the Priests could enter and which contained the table, the candlestick and the Altar of Incense. The second chamber, behind the

veil was called the Holy of Holies, which contained the Ark of the Covenant, where the Tablets of the Law were kept and which could only be entered once a year by the High Priest at a special solemn convocation, on the Day of Atonement. In our Haphtarah reading we are also told of the first stationary Sanctuary, built by King Solomon, which followed in its symbolism the arrangement of the Tent of the Covenant of the desert, though its constructional splendor did captivate the imagination and the pride of Israel throughout the Ages.

—Rabbi Frank Rosenthal

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Why Not Anglo-Jewish Newsmen, Too?

PROBABLY NO better investment in public relations and education could be made by the United Jewish Appeal than the forthcoming three-weeks tour of Israel for nine newspapermen from major American cities. This is a standard practice; the U. S. Government and the U.S. Army, in addition to many private groups, have often picked top-notch newsmen for such tours, as one means of giving the American public first-hand and trustworthy information on situations of current concern.

But this technique should be expanded to include Anglo-Jewish newspapermen.

There is no reason why the Anglo-Jewish press should be ignored entirely on tours like

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CONVINCED NJP FAVORS ORTHODOXY, REFORM, CONSERVATIVES IN ORDER

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In your "The Editor's Column" of your December 8 issue, you lay great stress, and rightly so, on independence as a desideratum for a national Jewish newspaper; "... complete independence," you say, "of everybody except the readership it hopes to serve."

At the risk of your again terming me a "carping" critic (to retain the piscatorial metaphor, I thought that in my past criticism I was more of a piker), I rise to state that I have for some time now been questioning that very attribute to which you pay so much lip-service—namely: your independence.

I have not, it is true, made count of the space-inches you have devoted to the respective activities of Orthodox, Reform and Conservative national organizations. (I suggest you do that, by way of prelude to either your publicly saying "Hatati" or demanding that I do so), but I have the very definitive feeling that you apportion your news space in the order above given, and as a matter of policy.

Now I repeat again—perhaps ad nauseam—that I once was an Orthodox Jew. In spite of that fact, I have nothing against them. I harbor the same charitable impulses toward my co-religionists of the Reform heresy; in fact, some of my best friends are Reform Jews. But candor impels me to remark that if your paper is really independent, it will be fair in its space-ratting to all three points of departure (may the day soon come when they will become points of cooperation) rather than play favorites as you do now.

On what do I base these comments? On the following, by way of example. When the three national Rabbinical bodies held their annual conventions this past summer, you gave far more attention to the doings of

the Rabbinical Council of America (to the extent of even repeating certain items under separate column-headings, if my memory for inconsequential serves me right) and of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, than you did to the deliberations of the Rabbinical Assembly of America. And yet, that RA convention was absorbed by considerations of the greatest import to American, Israeli and world Jewry. True, you did give a headline to the report of the Committee on Jewish Law, but of what else did you make mention, and to what extent? And even in your treatment of that report, you were slanted and somewhat snide.

Take, again, your reporting of the national conventions of the corresponding three congregational bodies. You gave wholly overextended prominence to the long-overdue attention finally given by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to Rabbinical placement; in your issue of December 8 you give first page prominence to the valiant and earth-shaking pontification of the president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, a man who, until his severance from political life some years ago, was never known to be identified actively with any religious work; but when the United Synagogue of America held recently what was easily one of the most vital conventions of its history, one that to my mind signalizes its freedom, its readiness and its ability to realize at last the high hopes cherished for it by its sainted founder, Professor Solomon Schechter, zatzl, you gave that convention a minimum of notice, comparatively.

When you say "independence," what do you mean—independence of your Conservative readers? And if you do mean that, does it not show your subserv-

ience to your backers, or sponsors, or your own prejudice, of Orthodox or Reform persuasion?

During the past few years, the lines of cleavage between the three groups have been growing less marked. The Reform group has largely lost its insufferable sense of superiority in the East European Jew—chiefly because the bitter, fear-ridden, antinomian, old-line group of Reform rabbis have passed from this earthly scene, to be replaced by bright young men from Orthodox and Conservative backgrounds, partly because of the successful conquest of the previously unsullied Cathedrals of Reform by those self-same East European Jews or their sons. The Orthodox group has been succumbing to the sha'at ha-deha of today, as witness the increasing number of their rabbis who leap, and with no laggard steps, into pulpits preaching to mixed pews (which circumstance causes more than a little red-facedness among the Oracles of Orthodoxy, as your same issue of December 8 shows. If there is any sincerity to their stand in favor of separate seating, where is their expulsion of mixed-pew preachers from the Rabbinical Council? How long will they be able to speak out of both sides of their mouths on this fundamental issue and not be taken to task? What about that for editorial treatment by your gifted pen, Mr. Editor?)

For my part, I hope the time will soon come when the lines of division will become all but imperceptible (I am really a man of good-will), although the gulf will be changed only to make it wider if the wild-eyed right-wing of the Rabbinical Council has its impassioned way. But so long as there are three groups, I think it behooves any Jewish paper proclaiming its independence to support its professions by its news columns. "Lo ha-midrash 'ikar."

D. I. KAP

New York.

self-maintenance, there is a magnificent opportunity for the voice and the appeal of the federated American synagogue.

d. The movement may aid in minimizing the egregious overlapping, duplication and the profligate wastefulness of Jewish public relations agencies. Just because men of various shades of opinion and varied institutional affiliation would come into the loose sodality which the movement can furnish, there is greater likelihood that its influence would carry weight and bring results.

The time has come to summon a national assembly of all who sympathize with the major objectives of Reconstructionism. The call may well stress the need for a common meeting-ground to exchange views and to explore those areas where joint action may be initiated.

Such a conference may well bring forth the flag for the Fifties: the banner under which leaders of diverse camps may unite for a common goal to be reached or, at least, approached in the new decade.

Who will lead?
RABBI J. M. TAXAY
Akron, O.

NEW YORK—Shipment of religious materials and kosher food for American Jewish GI's throughout the world for Passover Seders in April was completed this week by the National Jewish Welfare Board.

SAYS SCHAPPES' BOOK PROPAGANDA FOR REDS; REVIEWER DISAGREES

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Your excellent paper in your issue of January 12 fell into a clever Communist trap by having your book column indicate approval of a new book by Morris U. Schappes, "A Documentary History of the Jews in the United States."

Your reviewer was undoubtedly misled. This is a Communist book, by a Communist, and follows the Communist line. It is unfortunate that it is being palmed off on Jews as a "History of the Jews."

Morris Schappes, the author, is an avowed Communist, who served time in Sing Sing prison for perjury committed during an investigation of Communism in New York colleges. Furthermore, the book is published by the Citadel Press, a printing outfit which is known for its friendship to the Soviet and is simultaneously publishing a book by John Howard Lawson, one of the "Hollywood Ten" now serving time in prison for contempt of Congress.

Schappes' new book, 750 pages long, may be summed up as follows: The History of the Jews in the United States is anti-Semitism. In his introduction, Schappes says, and I quote directly, "Analysis is invited of the anti-Semitism displayed in this volume. Historians and other social scientists need to assimilate these data and evaluate them. It is this editor's judgment that the evidence points to this as a fundamental, irreducible cause: in any society so class-constructed that a minority economically exploits, politically dominates and culturally controls the majority, the usefulness of anti-Semitism in all its forms and verbalizations is assured and endless because it helps keep that minority in power."

This book follows the perfect Communist system to attract the Jew to Communism, although the Soviet government is today the outstanding anti-Semitic group in the world. Again, the name of the Jew is being misused. It is a pity that reputable publications like yours cannot be alerted in time.

NATHAN SHAPIRO

New York

Mr. Moore Replies:

Before I reviewed Morris Schappes' book I was aware that

he had served time in Sing Sing, and I approached his book with the assumption in mind that he was a Stalinist. I am not so innocent as to assume that the party line cannot be followed in the selection of documents, even though some of them may antedate the birth of Marx by several hundred years.

An attentive reading of "A Documentary History of the Jews in the United States" showed however that if professor Schappes selected his documents to further Stalinism, his course was so subtle as to defy detection even by someone like myself who has been alert to the evil since 1925. The documents and the notes provided by the author appear to me utterly unlikely to advance the Communist party by so much as a single fellow-traveler.

Fear of Stalinism often leads its opponents into a trap. Because the stooges of the politburo find it useful to oppose certain economic or political practices, some anti-Stalinists feel called upon to defend them, no matter how unsavory; because party-liners advocate economic or political changes, some anti-Stalinists discover that the only salvation is in complete reaction. I believe it is possible to believe that capitalism is not of divine origin without joining the communist party; I do not think the Kremlin invented lynching, anti-Semitism, nor Asiatic exclusion in order to discredit the United States, and I think that defenders of these policies are far better friends of the USSR than those who denounce them.

I agree that "the Soviet government is today the outstanding anti-Semitic group in the world." Among the devices which that Soviet government uses in its brutal suppressions are absolute conformity to a single opinion, denunciation of deviation, censorship, microscopic scrutiny of every uttered word for possible disloyalty, a revolting adulation of the powers that be, and guilt by association. To adopt the Stalinist methods in order to combat Stalinism would be, I feel, a most terrible misfortune. Stalinism is too high a price to pay for anti-Stalinism.

WARD MOORE
Topanga, Calif.

Scientific Answer To Dr. Kaplan Views

Editor, National Jewish Post:

I am not writing to voice protest to Dr. Kaplan's anti-traditional views, for they are no revelation, and I do not truly understand why they should now hit the headlines.

However, I would like to quote the words of no less a scientist than Victor Francis Hess, professor of Physics, Fordham University, and Nobel Prize winner for discovery of cosmic rays.

"Must a scientist doubt the reality of miracles. As a scientist I answer emphatically: NO. I can see no reason at all why Almighty God, Who created us and all things around us, should not suspend or change—if He finds it wise to do so—the natural average course of events."

I doubt if words as clear as these need my commentary.

RABBI SIDNEY LEBOW
Middle Village, N. Y.

U. S. Jewish Gifts Boost Israel Farms

NEW YORK — Contributions by American Jews through the United Jewish Appeal have helped boost Israel food production more than 60 per cent through a program of intensified agricultural development, it was revealed this week.

The program cost United Palestine Appeal agencies more than \$130,000,000 during the past three years, according to Rudolf G. Sonneborn, UPA national chairman. The UPA is the largest constituent agency of the United Jewish Appeal.

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URGES NATION-WIDE CONFERENCE TO PROMOTE RECONSTRUCTIONIST AIMS

Editor, National Jewish Post:

This is prompted by the two conferences of rabbinic friends of the Reconstructionist movement in Chicago and New York. It is cheering to hear of this. An assembly of this nature should certainly have been held some years ago. It is well that it is held, even at this late date.

a. The Reconstructionist movement is most fortunate in having among its leaders and sympathizers highly articulate men and women. This is only one reason for the view that the movement is, in large part, a movement of the religious intellectuals. This is a priceless asset.

b. The movement is in a happy position in that it is not bound to any vested interest. It is not a part of any national institution, snarled in the bonds of fund-raising machinery, promoters, chairmen of boards and solicitors with Caesarian title of "president."

c. The movement is characterized by wide sympathies. It understands tradition. It is closely tied to conservative institutions. It has many liberal and progressive goals. It has a profound appeal to the cultured Jew.

d. The movement is now at the stage where it can spread its influence nationally. It can function as a mediator and harmonizer. It can help bring order and system into many corners where

now reign confusion, competition and reckless waste.

In the fifties the movement can play a compelling role in American Jewish life. It can provide a flag: a banner under which many camps can rally and be joined in many common causes, reaching for a joint objective.

a. The movement can serve as a bridge between conservative and liberal expressions of religious life in the American Jewish community. Out of this mediation there may come an acceleration of the rapprochement between two phases of Judaism that are coming closer and closer with the passing days. It can certainly function as a leaven and catalytic agent.

b. The movement, just because it is not committed to an organizational apparatus, can advance bodily in formulating standards for Jewish practice and affirmations for the progressive American Jew.

c. The movement, acting as a center where leadership from diverse camps can meet, may help get an attentive hearing for the centrality of the synagogue on the national Jewish scene. It may provide the nucleus for a United Appeal for Judaism in America. With the lessening of overseas needs and the gradual arrival of Israel to the stage of

THE WORLD OF BOOKS

CHARLESTON'S JEWS SURVEYED SYMPATHETICALLY, THOROUGHLY

By WARD MOORE

THIS column has complained so often of American Jewish histories that it is a great pleasure indeed to recant in at least one instance and point to a book which is not only a model for American Jewish historians, but a work which can take its place without apology on the shelf beside general American histories. As might have been expected, "The Jews of Charleston" has been put out by the Jewish Publication Society. It is written by Charles Reznickoff in collaboration with Uriah Z. Engelman (342 pages, \$4).

Charleston was founded in 1680; 15 years later Gov. Archdale wrote casually that he had a "Jew for an interpreter," leading to the inference that Jews were not so rare in the Carolinas as to be objects of astonishment. Two years later, several Jews were naturalized and enfranchised. (They were disenfranchised later, but retained other civil rights).

By 5510 (1749 CE) Beth Elohim Shalom was organized; the Jews were not only an integral part of the community but a respectable one. There were patriots (and Tories in the Revolution); a company of militia was known as the "Jew Company" and several were banished from Charleston during the British occupation for refusing to take the oath of allegiance to George III.

"In 1800 Charleston had the largest Jewish community in the United States—about five hundred.

The Jewish population of the state was then about a thousand; of the United States at most 2,500." Charleston was at the height of its prosperity, "the city was the shipping and storage center of European merchandise for the West Indies and of coffee and West Indian sugar for Europe." The Jews of Charleston, directly or indirectly, participated in and furthered this prosperity.

There was little friction with gentile neighbors; for one thing too many Jews had ready tongues and a quick hand with the pen to write blasting letters to the papers, denouncing the slightest infringement on their dignity. Indeed, they took on the coloration of the Old South, including a prompt cholera, so easily that it is not at all astonishing to find "Duel on the race course between Moise & Cohen. The latter was mortally wounded and died on 12th." In 1870, Ludlow Cohen . . . lost his life in a duel in Savannah . . . Aaron Mendes . . . also lost his life in a duel in Savannah (1818). As late as 1874, O. R. Levy and Benj. Hernandez fought a duel at the corner of Broad and Meeting Streets in Charleston.

THE VIRTUE of "The Jews of Charleston" is that it is neither a catalogue of the doings of the Jews who lived there, nor a history of the city with mention of the Jewish community. It is a genuine and full-fledged history of Charleston's Jewry, with proper attention to the impingement and interrelation of the surrounding non-Jewish culture. The picture that emerges is at once lively and whole, so that the scholar or casual reader, even without particular interest

Young Vets Wives Vote Orthodox, 3-1, In Picking Affiliation For Their Center

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A group of young wives in Brooklyn, delegated to vote for their families on the affiliation of their new Jewish Center, voted three to one in favor of Orthodoxy, it was reported last week.

The incident was reported in Jewish Action, official publication of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations.

The feminine vote developed from the fact that the men in the new Glenwood Project are young and busy with night jobs and night school.

Unable to bring together a large enough number of their own sex for an organizing meeting,

the men agreed to formally authorize their wives to make the decision. Each wife was given authority to vote for her family.

The women invited representatives of the UOJCA and of the United Synagogue of America, representing the congregational branch of the Conservative movement, to present arguments for their viewpoint.

After hearing the representatives, the women voted by closed ballot, in favor of Orthodoxy and at a later meeting, the men voted to accept the decision of their wives to affiliate with the UOJCA.

in Charleston or its Jewry finds a rewarding and entertaining narrative,

★ ★ ★

TWO beautifully printed and bound (but not too sturdy) books are at hand from the East and West Library of London, showing once again—as though it needed proof—that British publishers are superior in taste as well as business acumen to American ones. "The Wisdom of Koheleth" (31 pages; 5/6 or \$1.25) is a new translation by Dr. Robert Gordis of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

All new translations inevitably shock the reader, unless, like that of the Jewish Publication Society's rendering of the Scriptures, there is only a skilful modification of the language of the King James' version. Dr. Gordis, which is strongly colloquial, not only has this shock value, but lapses at times into very pedestrian English: compare, "And much study is a weariness of the flesh," with Dr. Gordis, "and much study wears one's strength away." On the other hand the unexpectedness of Dr. Gordis' colloquialism may give the words new vigor for readers otherwise likely to fall into somnolence at the familiar cadences.

A. Relfenberg, the author of "Ancient Hebrew Arts" reviewed here recently, is also the author of "Ancient Hebrew Seals" (59 pages; 12/6 or \$2.50). Addressed to a smaller audience than "Ancient Hebrew Arts" and with reproductions less clear, "Ancient Hebrew Seals" is nevertheless a work of importance, not only to the archaeologist, but to the historian and artist.

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By JOSEPH GALE

THE music of Sacred Service (Avodath Hakodesh) is a radical departure from Bloch's style we know, in that it is harmonic, calm, and stately. Bloch is too good to fail altogether at anything he sets his pen to, so the Service is not without moments of great worth. But it is not an unqualified success, either, coming from the composer who wrote such a testament as "Schelomo."

A setting of Reform texts out of Sabbath morning services, the Service is often a literal translation of contemporary temple-type music complete with aped responses. Many of the musical ideas are unworthy of Bloch, while others are beautiful. Both are orchestrated polyphonically upon each other so that it is difficult to tell.

The composition never quite conveys the unblemished sanctity of a house of worship, nor on the other hand does it serve an aesthetically secular purpose. It is Yiddish in feeling, sung in English, yet unreligious. The over-all effect, aimed at majesty, falls short to slowness. The chromatic progressions are here and there unaccountably interrupted by alien and hurting chords.

Notwithstanding, the Service is well-written and grows upon one with every hearing. The old master's canny knowledge of dramatic values and his second sight into secrets of orchestration make Sacred Service a spellbinder in spite of its intellectual shortcomings. If one assumes it is not actually sacred, then it becomes an exceptional score of its kind worth a good deal of repetition.

Bloch conducts the London Philharmonic and does a fine job of it. Marko Rothmuller in the taxing main role hasn't a strictly disciplined voice, but when he slaps a rein on it, it is magnificent. The London Philharmonic Choir and its chorus master, Frederick Jackson, share top honors with Bloch, who wrote his best music for them and is rewarded with the record's best performance.



GALE

'The Wall' Wins Newspaper Award

NEW YORK (WNS) John Hersey's "The Wall," story of the valiant stand of the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto against Nazi extermination, has been selected by leading newspaper and magazine editors as the best American work of fiction of 1950.

Hersey, well known for his description of the atom bomb explosion at "Hiroshima," spent several years doing research on his novel.

The Haifa port handled a record of 11,300,000 tons of goods in 1950, a boost of 400,000 tons over the previous year.

Twins Change Minds, Will Serve In Army

National Jewish Post

TEL AVIV—The Bek twins, who had announced they preferred jail to military service, have changed their minds.

Avraham Bek and Nissim Bek, 24, were sentenced to nine months terms when they admitted refusal to register. Offered a chance at a much lighter sentence, with suspension, if they would accept service, they turned it down. (NJP, Feb. 2).

Dr. W. Lange, their attorney, told the court the twins were ready to register. They were released on 500 pounds bail each.

Israel Stage Star To Visit Hollywood

NEW YORK — Yoseph Yadin, member of the Israel Chamber Theatre, arrived here this week after making a motion picture in Vienna. He is probably the first Israeli actor to appear in a film made outside of Israel not on an Israel theme.

Entitled "Four in a Jeep," the movie deals with Vienna's international police. It was produced by a Swiss firm in conjunction with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and will be released in the United States in March. The director, Leopold Lindberg, visited Israel last year and invited Mr. Yadin to play the part of a Russian soldier. For the role, Mr. Yadin had to learn some Russian and German, but the film is primarily in English.

Born in Jerusalem, Yadin has been associated for the past five years with the Chamber Theatre, which is a cooperative group and Israel's youngest dramatic organization. While in the United States, he will study methods of teaching phonetics, in order to assist in the Chamber's newly-formed dramatic school. He will also visit Hollywood.

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56 Of Easton's 500 Jewish Families Would Buy Only Kosher Meat If Prices Were Lower

By JANE KINDERLEHRER

National Jewish Post Correspondent

EASTON, Pa.—(NJP)—Fifty-six more Jewish families in this small Jewish community would stick to kosher meat—if the kosher butchers here would lower prices, keep cleaner and more attractive shops, give better delivery service, enclose itemized bills with each order and post prices. These findings were revealed by a comprehensive family survey on kashrut conducted by the Jewish Community Council here.

Each of Easton's 500 Jewish families received a lengthy questionnaire relating specifically to their personal kashrut observance. Of these, 186 families conscientiously completed and returned them to the JCC, a return of nearly 40 per cent. The questionnaires required no signatures and the candid returns added up to some significant statistics in a field notably lacking in such concrete data.

Only 90 reported they used kosher meat exclusively. Another 24 reported they used some kosher meat and 65 used none at all.

The survey was organized at the request of Conservative B'nai Abraham Congregation which at present exercises complete authority over supervision of kashrut and would like to turn that responsibility over to the JCC as a communal function.

THEY COMPLAIN

The 90 observant families indicated much dissatisfaction with existing arrangements. Forty-seven of them complained about high prices, 18 thought the quality of the meat could be improved and seven found the service unsatisfactory.

The returns showed that observant families are dealing with the problem of rising meat costs by serving more dairy meals or considerably smaller meat portions.

The 90 who buy only kosher meat plus the 24 who buy some, together use 364 pounds of meat

plus 219 pounds of fowl weekly. But the 65 who buy no kosher meat plus the 24 who buy some together use 516 pounds of meat a week plus 265 pounds of fowl.

AN OMISSION

These figures, it was explained, may not indicate per capita consumption accurately because the questionnaire dealt only with family units and not individuals. There was no question relating to the number of people in each household, an omission which was regretted when the time came to analyze the statistics and seek a true picture. It appeared likely that the larger families, other problems aside, may have been the first to knuckle under to rising kosher meat prices and to start use of non-kosher meat.

Of the 89 families reporting they did not use kosher meat exclusively, 56 said they would do so if prices and other conditions were satisfactory.

A breakdown by synagogue membership revealed that 14 families, affiliated with Reform Temple B'rith Shalom use only kosher meat and seven use some. Nine of the families affiliated with Conservative B'nai Abraham use no kosher meat and seven use some.

Among the many comments voluntarily submitted with the questionnaire returns was one which Jack Sher, executive secretary of the Easton JCC, feels hits the crux of the problem of dwindling kashrut observance.

"If there were more persuasiveness from the pulpit, more spiritual significance shown for the perpetuation of the custom, more young people would look upon kashrut less as a dispensable loadstone and more as a joyous and sanctified rite," one woman wrote. "As it is, there is no pressure from the rabbis one way or the other."

Rabbi Joshua Trachtenberg headed the committee which drafted the questionnaire.

From the start, it was made clear that the JCC was only a fact-finding agency acting on the petition of B'nai Abraham. The JCC, in organizing the survey, made no attempt to be critical of the butchers, food merchants or the shochet (ritual slaughterer). In fact, the two kosher butchers and the shochet took part in the deliberations and gave their views on the project.

A SHIFT IN TIME

Formal opinion was disturbed over the verification of the likelihood that the major portion of the Easton Jewish community did not observe kashrut in meat buying and that the percentage of observance is much less now than then at a period when the community had half its present population.

Some hope was expressed that a cycle of interest in kashrut would bring more customers to kosher butchers, which might lead to lower prices because of greater sales.

Biblical Law in Modern Israel

IBN EZRA COMMENTARY SETTLES PATERNITY CASE

National Jewish Post

TEL AVIV—A commentary by Rabbi Ibn Ezra was the basis last week for a court decision on maintenance for an illegitimate child.

The court ruled that the father must pay 20 pounds a month toward support of the child and 200 pounds in maternity expenses.

L. Hoenigman, attorney for the father, argued that according to Jewish Law, there can be no declaration of fatherhood unless the father admits to it.

Hoenigman called in Rabbi Levi Grossman to testify on that point for his client.

Rabbi Ibn Ezra's commentary on the Talmudic law on parenthood holds that any reliable evidence which implies such an admission can be accepted as proof. That interpretation was cited by Rabbi Chaim Averbuch, who had been called by the plaintiff's attorney.

Judge E. Yoren then ordered presentation of the evidence of the plaintiff to demonstrate the defendant's fatherhood. He then ruled in favor of the plaintiff.

BB Bowling Tournaments To Be Held In Dayton, Ohio

TOLEDO—Some 3,000 bowlers will participate in the annual National B'nai B'rith Bowling League tournaments to be held in Dayton, M. J. Marenberg, association president, announced last week.

The tournaments will be held on three successive weekends during the last of March and early April and the turnout is expected to be the largest in the 12-year history of the association.

Cash prizes total \$10,500. The fund for team events totals \$5,000, for single events \$4,980 and the All Events fund is \$520.

Marenberg said that the three tournaments are all being held in one city this year, rather than in different cities as was the practice in the past. He said this would assure the same accommodations and facilities for each of the three tournament competitors.

The first tournament will be held on March 24 and 25, the second on March 31 and April first, and the last one on April 7 and 8. Top team and singles scores for all three tournaments will determine the champion.

Marenberg said the association has more than 8,000 affiliated bowlers in cities in all parts of the United States and some in Canada.

There are now nearly 9,000 passenger cars in Israel of which 1,500 were imported since May, 1948.

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Another Kibbutz Fined On Profiteering Charges

National Jewish Post

TEL AVIV—A fine of 300 pounds was levied against Kibbutz Nachshonim, located near Tel Aviv, by an Anti-Profiteering Court for excessive charges on 15 tons of barley.

The collective was the fourth to be tried and convicted of profiteering during the past month.

The court also sentenced the one month in prison Shimon Bornstein, secretary of the kibbutz.

The collective was also ordered to pay 300 pounds as a good-conduct bond for one year.

The court found that the collective had overcharged a customer seven pounds on each ton of the barley last May. The defendants were given a tongue-lashing by the court for "contributing to the black market particularly when the public looked on the kibbutzim to set an example."

Two more collectives were scheduled to appear before Anti-Profiteering Courts this month on similar charges.

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Conclave Planned On Jewish High Schools

NEW YORK — A conference to develop the facilities and resources of the field of Jewish high school education has been called by the Rabbinical Assembly of America for Feb. 13 and 14.



DAVIDSON attend the meeting. It will be held at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Dr. Davidson said the conference would be the first major assembly of its kind in the Conservative movement to consider the special needs of Jewish education at the high school level.

The Israel Government plans to build an airfield near Jerusalem.

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Sachar Says Brandeis Works To Assure Respect For All Faiths Among Students

By HARRY CUSHING

National Jewish Post Correspondent
BOSTON—(NJP)—Brandeis University, the nation's first Jewish-sponsored, non-sectarian university, goes to unique lengths to assure respect for the religious traditions of all of its students.

The program of the university was indicated in answers to a series of questions submitted by Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein, president of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council of Greater Boston.

Rabbi Eckstein wrote a letter in December to Dr. Abram L. Sachar, Brandeis president, in which the rabbi said a number of prominent Jewish families had turned to his organization. They wanted information on religious matters and Brandeis policy clarified.

KOSHER IS WANTED

Dr. Sachar said that there are Kosher meals at Brandeis. He further amplified his answer by stating that both meat and fish meals are offered on Fridays so that Catholics on the campus will not be forced to violate their religious principals and non-Catholics may, if they so prefer, have meat dishes. "The above policy," wrote Dr. Sachar was dictated by the basic Brandeis attitude of respecting the religious views and practices of all students and providing them with the facilities and opportunities for adhering to their religion.

In answer to another question, Dr. Sachar wrote that no classes, examinations or any mandatory university activity is or ever has been scheduled on the Sabbath. He pointed out that it meant considerable difficulty in scheduling classes but "we believe that it is consistent with the stand which should be adopted by a Jewish-sponsored non-sectarian university."

"I might point out," continued the Brandeis head, "that as we respect the Jewish Sabbath, so, too, there are no mandatory activities scheduled for Sunday, the Christian Sabbath."

ALL HOLIDAYS

Rabbi Eckstein's query about the status of Jewish holidays at Brandeis was answered by the explanation that all Jewish holidays and festivals are recognized by the University. In this connection, Dr. Sachar pointed out that the full festivals days, in accordance with the number of days as observed by Orthodox and Conservative Jews, are recognized. The spring recess coincides with Passover week and by the same token these are no classes or mandatory student activities on any of the Christian holidays.

In answer to the question as to the official policy of Brandeis University with reference to the establishment of the Hillel Chapter it was explained by Dr. Sachar that from the first year of the existence of the university a Hillel Chapter has functioned at Brandeis. The first director was Rabbi Irving Mandel (Reform) who was followed in the post by Rabbi Judah Stampfer (Orthodox). The current director is Rabbi Maurice Zigmund (Reform).

Because the University official-

ly is maintained on a non-sectarian basis, official cognizance is not taken of any religious celebration. However, Chanukah is observed by the Hillel Foundation and other groups, as well as by individual students who kindled the Chanukah lamps in their dormitories. By the same token Christmas was observed by the Newman Club and other Christian groups and individual students had Christmas trees in their dormitories.

"There are at the present time, organized on the Brandeis campus the Hillel Foundation for Jewish students; the Newman Club for Catholic students and a Brandeis branch of the Student Christian Association for Protestant students," wrote Dr. Sachar. "Each group undertakes to provide religious guidance." Professional leaders direct the activities of each of these groups.

A BASIC ATTITUDE

In summing up the status of religion on the Brandeis campus Dr. Sachar stated in his letter that "we have frankly exercised great care to insure the fact that Christian students on the Brandeis campus are not subjected to the many thoughtless, needless embarrassments and the lack of consideration which Jewish students have so frequently experienced on the campuses of Christian-sponsored colleges and universities."

"Throughout, however, we have seen to it that our Jewish students have every religious need met. In this manner, it is our hope that Brandeis University is emerging as an institution, democratic in concept and practice and reflecting the finest traditions of Jewish life," Dr. Sachar said.

Brandeis Varsity Sets 1951 Grid Slate

National Jewish Post
WALTHAM, Mass. — Brandeis University will field its first varsity football team against the University of New Hampshire next fall, the school revealed this week.

The opener of the 1951 season, the second grid year for the nation's only Jewish-sponsored non-sectarian university, will be played at home on Sept. 29.

The Brandeis frosh team record was one of four won and two lost.

The nine-game schedule is: Sept. 29, University of New Hampshire; Oct. 6, Hofstra College; Oct. 13, open; Oct. 20, Wayne University; Oct. 27, Brad-

ley University; Nov. 3, Champlain College, Nov. 10, open; Nov. 17, open, and Nov. 24, Arnold College.

New Cabinet Crisis Looms On Education

TEL AVIV (WNS)—Possibility of a government crisis loomed again as the Religious Bloc, meeting in caucus, voted to turn down a new government plan on religious education for children in immigrant camps.

Under the new plan, submitted by an inter-ministerial committee, Yemenite children in the camps would receive a religious education whether they registered for it or not, while other children would receive such an education only if they registered for it. The religious Bloc adopted a resolution urging all Orthodox parties in Israel to wage a fight against the government's education policy within Parliament and the Cabinet.

At the same time it was reported that the Religious Bloc was giving serious consideration to the question of remaining in the coalition Cabinet. There is a distinct possibility that the religious elements may demand a general election despite an earlier agreement assuring the tenure of the present government to the end of 1951.

German Churches Seek Pardon For Ilse Koch

MUNICH—Over 200 German churches of all denominations are collecting signatures to a petition urging the commutation of sentence of Ilse Koch, the notorious Beast of Belsen who was recently sentenced to a life term following conviction by a German court.

The pardon seekers, said to include a number of political and cultural organizations, are hopeful of getting at least 10,000,000 signatures to the petition, which they will present to the Bonn government.

Jewish Accountants Get Exam Release

MONTREAL (WNS)—Jewish accountants in this city will no longer be obliged to take examinations before the Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants on Saturdays, it was announced this week.

The decision to eliminate such tests on the Sabbath was reached following a request by the Canadian Jewish Congress and rabbinical groups in Canada.

Detroit Jewish Council Reverses Executive, Spurns Berlin Mayor

DETROIT—A turbulent session of the Delegates Assembly of the Detroit Jewish Community Council reversed its executive committee and voted against JCC participation in a public welcome for Mayor Ernest Reuter of Berlin.

The debate was touched off by a report from Harry Yudkoff, chairman of the JCC community relations committee. Yudkoff announced that Reuter would be in Detroit Feb. 26 as a guest of the CIO and that the JCC executive committee had voted to join the welcoming committee, according to the Detroit Jewish Chronicle.

LAIKIN FIGHTS IT

Benjamin Laikin, chairman of the JCC Yiddish cultural committee and a prominent Labor Zionist, rose to battle the report.

He said that Jews should not aid in the spreading of German influence in the United States and should not distinguish between "good Germans and bad Germans."

Laikin said it would be a "scandal and a shame" for the Jewish community to accept the invitation and asked all Detroit Jews to boycott the ceremony.

WHERE WAS HE?

He asked where Reuter had been when the nazis were slaughtering the Jews and charged that Reuter was an anti-Semite "even if he calls himself a Socialist."

Several of the delegates supported Laikin and Dr. S. Kleinman, JCC president was asked on what basis the executive com-

mittee had decided to accept the invitation.

Kleinman said that several Jewish organizations had formed a committee to aid in the formation of a democratic Germany.

HERE TO STAY

"Germany is here to stay," Kleinman said, "and we must work to prevent the revival of nazism in that country."

He said Reuter had spent three years in a nazi concentration camp.

Despite Kleinman's statement, a motion made by Leon Kay, local General Zionist leader, to reverse the executive committee decision was carried easily.

Spuds To Denmark, Clothes To Israel

TEL AVIV—The first shipment of potatoes from Denmark is on its way to Israel, under the terms of a \$448,000 barter agreement recently concluded.

The agreement calls for the exchange of 15,000 tons of potatoes against cotton and woolen piece goods. Ten per cent of the textiles exported will consist of ready-to-wear men's shirts and other wearing apparel.

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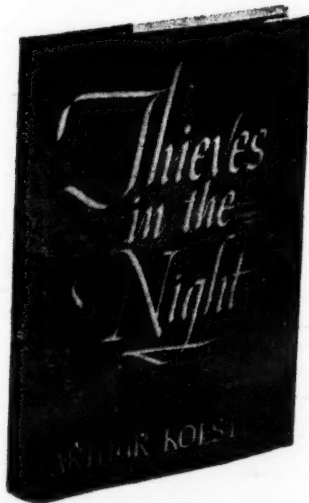
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